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|  | Application No.                                       | Applicant(s)                       |
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| Office Action Summary  | 09/379,239  | SCHOLTEN ET AL.                    |
|  | Examiner  | Art Unit                           |
|  | Marc E. Norman  | 3744                               |
| The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address Period for Reply   |   |                                    |
| A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.  - Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.  - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.  - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b). |   |                                    |
| Status   |   |                                    |
| 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>24 June 2004</u> .   |   |                                    |
| 2a) ☐ This action is <b>FINAL</b> . 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.  |   |                                    |
| 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is   |   |                                    |
| closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.  |   |                                    |
| Disposition of Claims  |   |                                    |
| 4) Claim(s) 1,3-5,8,15,17-19,22,29,31-33,36,43-49 and 51-56 is/are pending in the application. 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.  5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.  6) Claim(s) 1,3-5,8,15,17-19,22,29,31-33,36,43-49 and 51-56 is/are rejected.  7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.  8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.   |   |                                    |
| Application Papers   |   |                                    |
| <ul> <li>9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.</li> <li>10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).</li> <li>11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.</li> </ul>  |   |                                    |
| Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119   |   |                                    |
| <ul> <li>12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).</li> <li>a) All b) Some * c) None of:</li> <li>1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.</li> <li>2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No.</li> <li>3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).</li> <li>* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.</li> </ul>   |   |                                    |
| Attachment(s)  | •   |                                    |
| 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) Interview Summary                                  |                                    |
| <ul> <li>2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)</li> <li>3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)</li> <li>Paper No(s)/Mail Date</li> </ul>   | Paper No(s)/Mail Da 5) Notice of Informal P 6) Other: | ite<br>atent Application (PTO-152) |

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

## Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 24 June 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that the objections/rejections under 37 CFR 1.126; 37 CFR 1.173(b); 37 CFR 1.172(a); and 37 CFR 1.175 set forth in the previous Office Action of 23 March 2004 do not apply because the case is a continuation rather than a reissue application. However, the case is a *continuation of a reissue application*, and thus must comply with all of the rules and requirements for reissue applications.

The objections/rejections set forth in the previous Office Action are accordingly carried forward and maintained.

## Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event,

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however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marc E. Norman whose telephone number is 571-272-4812. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri., 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cheryl Tyler can be reached on 571-272-4834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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